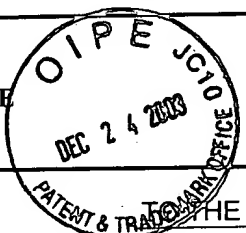

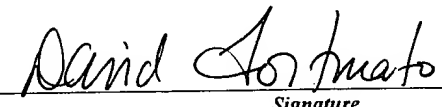
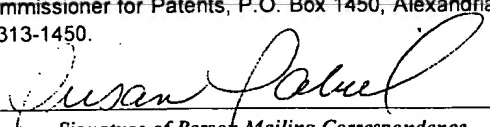


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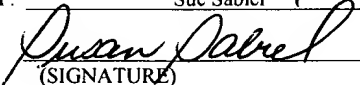
RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 04, 2003 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit this response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 04, 2003 (the "Notice"). A response to the Notice is due no later than January 04, 2004. Thus, this response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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